THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 31st July 1946.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, the Hon. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU (President) in the Chair.

I.—SWEARING IN OF A MEMBER.

The following Member took the oath of allegiance to the Crown :—

Sri P. R. K. Sarma.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Appointment of a committee for the revision of salaries and allowances of Government servants.

1. * (6) *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether a Committee was appointed some time ago to consider the revision of salaries and allowances of Government servants ;

(*b*) if so, what the terms of reference and its composition were ;

(*c*) whether the Committee has completed its labours ; and

(*d*) whether copies of the Committee's Report will be made available to the Members of the Legislature?

THE HON SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The terms of reference were—

(i) to ascertain the adequacy or otherwise of the existing basic scales of pay for the various Government servants under the rule-making powers of this Government with reference to the conditions which are likely to exist for some years after the war ; and

(ii) to frame recommendations regarding revised basic scales of pay for them.

The composition of the Committee was as follows :—

The Adviser to His Excellency the Governor in charge of of the Finance Department—*Chairman.*

Sir Gerald Hodgson, Sri Diwan Bahadur V. Shanmuga Mudaliyar, O.B.E., Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed, M.A., B.L., M.L.A., and Sri Rao Bahadur M. Narasimham Pantulu, B.A., B.L.—*Members.*

The Special Officer for revision of salaries (Sri Rao Bahadur T. A. Srinivasaraghava Ayyangar, I.S.O.) was the Secretary of the Committee.

" (*c*) **Yes.**

"(*d*) Yes. A copy of the Report of the Madras Salaries Committee (1944–45) is laid on the table of the Council Library for information."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I ask the Hon. the Prime Minister why the copies of the Report should not be circulated to Members instead of merely placing it on the table of the Council Library?"

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—"Because they were asked to be placed on the table, they were placed on the table."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Sir, my wording is whether copies of the report will be made available to the Members of the Legislature."

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—"Yes. The usual understanding of such a statement is that it should be placed on the table and it is placed on the table. If the hon. Member would make it clear that it should be circulated to Members, hereafter, it will be done."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I now request the Hon. the Prime Minister that the report may be circulated to the Members of the House?"

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—"That will be done hereafter."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—"May I know from the Hon. the Premier what the reasons are for not accepting the recommendations of the Salaries Committee?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—"The question does not arise."

Appointment of House Surgeons.

2. * (21) *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health and Medicine be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether all passed students of Medical Colleges become eligible for appointment as House Surgeons;

(*b*) whether all House Surgeons are entitled to remuneration;

(*c*) whether the Superintendents of Hospitals are empowered to make the appointment of House Surgeons;

(*d*) whether the Government have under consideration proposals for affording better facilities to passed students to act as House Surgeons by increasing their remuneration and the number of stipendiary House Surgeons; and

(*e*) whether any test is proposed for securing stipends?

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHY :—"(*a*) All candidates who have obtained the medical degree and who have not undergone training as House Surgeons or House Physicians are, as far as possible, given opportunities to undergo training as House Surgeons and House Physicians.